

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 1 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 13-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 6 are amended. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 2, indicates that this application is in condition for allowance except for correction of certain informalities, as discussed below. Claims 1, 4, 6, 13, 14 and 16 are allowed. Claim 15 is objected to for an informality.

The Office Action, on page 2, objects to the drawing as not showing every feature recited in the pending claim. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the feature "angles formed between phase-retarding axes of the liquid crystal film fixed in nematic or discotic hybrid alignment in the first elliptically polarizing plate and the second elliptically polarizing plate and the distinct viewing direction of the liquid crystal layer are within a range from plus 30 degrees to minus 30 degrees" is not shown. The Office Action, on page 3, further asserts that Applicants' amendments to the specification that were made to resolve the above-identified objection to the drawing are considered to add new matter. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the original disclosure does not disclose "the rubbing axis 41 being equal to the distinct viewing direction."

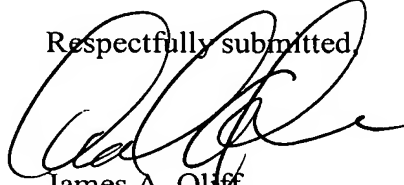
Claims 1 and 6 are amended, as are Fig. 1 and the specification, to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 3, objects to claim 15 for an informality. Claim 15 is amended, in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made in the Office Action, to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 15 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Replacement Drawing Sheet (Fig. 1)

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